
HAPPY
MOTHERS'
DAY

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“Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your
servant feared the Lord, but the creditor has come to take my two
children to be his slaves.” **2** And Elisha said to her, “What shall I
do for you? Tell me; what have you in the house?” And she said,
“Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil.” **3** Then
he said, “Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors,
empty vessels and not too few.

2 Kings 4:1-7

4 Then go in and shut the door behind yourself and your sons and
pour into all these vessels. And when one is full, set it aside.” **5** So
she went from him and shut the door behind herself and her sons.
And as she poured they brought the vessels to her.
6 When the vessels were full, she said to her son, “Bring me
another vessel.” And he said to her, “There is not another.” Then
the oil stopped flowing. **7** She came and told the man of God, and
he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons
can live on the rest.”

2 Kings 4:4-7



THE MOTHER

GOD MAKING ME TO BE





Imagine What Everyone Mother/would be Wants to be?

- Loving
- Patient
- Always-Present
- Wise & Calm : Never-shouting
- Beautiful Home
- Raising A1 Children

In Reality :
Somewhere along the way, life doesn't match what you imagine, you…

- Lose patience;
- Feeling exhausted;
- Keep comparing with others;
- Questioning self;
- Carrying quiet guilt?
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“What happens when the mother I am… doesn’t match the mother I wanted to be?”

This is **NOT** the life she imagined; **NOT** the mother she wanted to be.



HOW TO BECOMING THE MOTHER, GOD WANTS ME TO BE?

NOT What I want to be **BUT**
What God making me to be.





THE STORY OF THE WIDOW

1 KINGS 4:1-7

A mother in crisis : Loss +Debt + Fear

#1 :
WHEN
I FEEL <u>OVER-</u>
<u>WHELMED</u> :
I CRIED OUT TO GOD

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#The Gap :
"I'M NOT THE MOTHER I WANTED TO BE."

#What's happening :

- A widów (wife of a prophet);
- No husband/dead;
- Creditor is coming;
  Her children are about to be taken;
  Children at risk of slavery;
- No income;
- No protection;
  Imagine : how tired, stressful, struggles, desperate, breaking point.


“I can’t handle
this anymore…!”

HOW TO RESPOND TO GOD?

OWNS UP YOUR REALITY

1-DON'T SUPPRESS IT :

- She doesn't pretend that she is okay;

2-DON'T HIDE IT :

- She doesn't hide her struggle;

3-BRING IT TO GOD :

- She doesn't try to be strong; she own where she is;



WHAT IS GOD MAKING YOU TO BE?

A strong mother is **not** one who **carries** everything **but** one who **knows** where to **bring** everything - to God.



#2 :
WHEN I FEEL I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH :
GOD USES WHAT I HAVE

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2 Kings 4:2

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#The Lie :
"I HAVE NOTHING"

#What's happening :

- Nothing… really?
- This is how mothers felt :
- "I have nothing left."
- "I don't have anything."
- =Energy, finance, patience, hope etc
- =Gone, finish, Lost, No more etc

#The Right Question :

“WHAT HAVE YOU IN THE HOUSE?”



Your greatest **limitation** as a mother is **not what you lack** —it's what you've decided God cannot use.".



#Truth :
GOD DOESN'T START WITH YOUR "LACK" — HE STARTS WITH YOUR "LITTLE" **WITH WHAT YOU HAVE."**



HOW TO RESPOND TO GOD?

OFFER WHAT YOU HAVE

1-STOP focusing on what you don't have

2-OFFER what you do have, even if it feels small.


LEFTOVERS

WHAT IS GOD MAKING YOU TO BE?

A mother who **sees** the **value** in the **little** - what you often feels **small** is **not small** to God!



#3 :
WHEN I FEEL UNCERTAIN :
GOD REMAINS FAITHFUL

3 Then he said, “Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels and not too few. **4** Then go in and shut the door behind yourself and your sons and pour into all these vessels. And when one is full, set it aside.” **5** So she went from him and shut the door behind herself and her sons. And as she poured they brought the vessels to her.

2 Kings 4:3-5

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2 Kings 4:3-5

#The Shift : TRUSTING :
WHEN YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO

#What’s happening :

- **GOD TELLS HER WHAT SHE CAN DO!**

God gives her instructions :

- **GO** Borrow empty jar;
- **Shut** the door,
- **Start** Pouring



CAN YOU IMAGINE
what's happening in her mind?

- It doesn't make sense
- It can't explain how to pay debt;

When the vessels were full, she said to her son, "**Bring** me **another** vessel." And he said to her, "There is not another." Then the oil stopped flowing.

2 Kings 4:6

#What's happening :

- **GOD DOES WHAT SHE CANNOT DO!**
- **IT'S A MIRACLE!**

And the miracle didn't happen all at once :

- **It takes** faith, trust and obedience;
- **It happened** as she **went** and as she **poured** : One jar then another, then another….
- The Oil kept flowing.

She **came** and told the man of God, and he said, "**Go**, **sell** the oil and **pay** your debts, and you and your sons can **live** on the rest."

2 Kings 4:7

OUTCOME :

#What's happening :
God gives her instructions

- **GO**
- **SELL** the oil;
- **PAY** your debt;
- **LIVE ON THE REST** you and your sons.

HOW TO RESPOND TO GOD?

OBEY IN FAITH

1-Keep **SHOWING UP** :
when you feel empty;

2-Keep **POURING** :
when it doesn't make sense;

3-Keep **TRUSTING** :
when you don't understand;



THE MOTHER

NO LONGER IN CRISIS :
BUT Becoming
the **MOTHER,**
GOD **MAKING** Her to be :
A mother who

- **Depends on God;**
- **Trust** what God has given;
- **Walk in Faith** in God each day!



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ENGT Service
2:00pm

MOTHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

Mothers' Day

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